

Warden Message

January 8, 2010

Dear Warden and/or Registrant:

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or resident in Ecuador that registration for the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) is now open. The U.S. Embassy in Quito and the Consulate General in Guayaquil are both overseas testing centers that will offer the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) from February 27 to March 6, 2010. Registration deadline is February 19. Early registration is recommended as seats are limited.

To register for the Foreign Service Officer online test at either location, please visit www.careers.state.gov. This website also contains information on the many different career opportunities within the Department of State. The Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) test is the first step towards becoming a Foreign Service Officer. The test is open to all U.S. citizens between the ages of 20 and 59.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration website](http://www.travel.state.gov), and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 398 5000 X3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/>. American Citizen walk-in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.